AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 48-50 and 55.

Amend claims 56-58 as follows:

56. (Amended) <u>A semiconductor element module, comprising:</u> a package;

a semiconductor element within said package;

a plurality of leads for connecting said semiconductor element to an external circuit, said plurality of leads each having a wide portion connected to a side surface of said package and a narrow portion that extends downwardly beyond the bottom surface of said package, wherein said wide portion extends below the bottom edge of said side surface, and

a level difference in said side surface of said package adjacent said bottom surface that forms a space between the wide portion of each lead that extends below the bottom edge of said side surface and the bottom of said package.

- 57. (Amended) The semiconductor element module of claim 56, further including a brazing material disposed within said level difference for securing the connection of said leads to said package.
- 58. (Amended) The semiconductor element module of claim 56, wherein said narrow portions of said leads are bent outwardly away from said package to form a mounting surface.